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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : HIRAI, Fumiyasu et al.  
Serial No. : 09/961,414  
Filed : September 25, 2001  
For : ENTEROTOXIN ADSORBENT, METHOD OF  
ADSORPTIVE REMOVAL, AND ADSORPTION  
APPARATUS  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : FORD, V.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed **January 3, 2002**, setting forth a shortened statutory response period of one month. Accordingly, this response is due on or before February 4, 2002 (February 3, 2002 being a Sunday).

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to an enterotoxin adsorbent classified class 424, subclass 236.1.
- Group II: Claim 4, drawn to a method for adsorptive removal of an enterotoxin, classified in class 424, subclass 140.1.
- Group III: Claim 5, drawn to an enterotoxin adsorption apparatus, classified in class 435, subclass 283.1.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claim 4, drawn to a method for adsorptive removal